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-- *Fig.s 13A, 13B and 13C show aft views* --

p. 3, line 17, change:

“Fig. 24 shows a side view”

to:

-- *Fig.s 24A and 24B show side views* --

p. 13, line 23, change:

“The ski in Fig. 4 is a downhill ski 7A, has a”

to:

-- *The ski in Fig. 4 is a downhill ski 7A, and has a* --

p. 15, lines 1-3, change:

“corners of said ski 7 when viewed in transverse cross-section. These sharp cornered edges also facilitate “carved” turns and enable a ski sideward-skidding braking technique, as is known from the prior art in ski construction.”

to:

-- *corners of said ski 7 when viewed from the rear or in transverse cross-section. These sharp cornered edges also facilitate “carved” turns and enable a ski sideward-skidding braking technique, as is known from the prior art in ski construction and use.* --

p.20, line 15, change:

“Fig. 13a shows an aft view of an embodiment”

to:

-- *Fig. 13A shows an aft view of an embodiment* --

p.21, line 5, change:

“The embodiment illustrated in Figures 13a”

to:

-- *The embodiment illustrated in Figure 13A* --

p.21, line 22, change:

“Fig. 13b shows an aft view of a variant embodiment”

to:

-- *Fig. 13B shows an aft view of a variant embodiment* --

p.22, line 18, change:

“The embodiment illustrated in Figures 13b”

to:

-- *The embodiment illustrated in Figure 13B* --

p.23, line 9, change:

“Fig. 13c shows another variant”

to:

-- *Fig. 13C shows another variant* --

p. 26, lines 1-7, change:

“The embodiment illustrated in Figures 15 provides a pogo-ski 1, wherein the left foot support 4L and the right foot support 4R each include a foot plate 38 on which the left foot and right foot of a user, respectively, can be supported. The embodiment illustrated in Figures 15 also provides a pogo-ski 1, wherein the left foot support 4L and the right foot support 4R each include strap means 71 connected to the foot plate, which strap means 71 restrain lateral and upward movement of the left foot and right foot of the user, respectively. Note that the strap means 71 may be adjustable, buckled, and/or elastic, and/or of other type and design as known from strap prior art.”

to:

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*The embodiment of Figure 15 also shows a pogo-ski 1, comprising in combination: a single ski 7 providing means for sliding on a sliding surface (not shown here but corresponding to sliding surface 8 of Fig. 1) and user interface means (i) providing a left foot support 4L and a right foot support 4R for supporting the feet of a user and (ii) providing handhold means 12L and 12R for being holdable by at least one hand of said user; wherein said user interface means comprises in combination: (i) said left foot support 4L located above said single ski 7 and connected to said single ski by left connecting means 5L including means for permitting said left foot support 4L some measure of spring force affected vertical movement relative to said single ski (through the use of springs 43BL and 43TL in the illustrated embodiment); (ii) said right foot support 4R located above said single ski 7 and connected to said single ski by right connecting means 5R including means for permitting said right foot support some measure of spring force affected vertical movement relative to said single ski (through the use of springs 43BR and 43TR in the illustrated embodiment); and (iii) said handhold means 12L and 12R located above said single ski 7 and connected to said single ski 7 by handhold connecting means comprising post means including an upper post 10 and a lower post 6 for connecting said handhold means with said single ski, wherein said upper post 10 is connected by upper post connecting means 11 to said lower post 6 and wherein said upper post 10 is located substantially above said lower post 6, and wherein said lower post 6 is connected by lower post connecting means 9 to said single ski 7. Fig. 15 also shows an embodiment wherein said left connecting means 5L including means for permitting said left foot support 4L some measure of spring force affected vertical movement relative to said single ski 7,*

*and said right connecting means 5R including means for permitting said right foot support 4R some measure of spring force affected vertical movement relative to said single ski 7, together contribute to bouncing means for enabling said user to deliberately and repeatedly bounce while skiing on said pogo-ski 1. Note also that the illustrated lower post connecting means 9 may incorporate detachable connecting means like prior art ski safety-release bindings.*

*The embodiment of Figure 15 also shows a pogo-ski 1, comprising in combination: a ski 7 providing a laterally substantially contiguously located sliding means (here the illustrated bottom surface of the ski 7) below a user (not shown but corresponding to user 2 of Fig. 1) for said user to slide down a sliding surface (corresponding to sliding surface 8 of Fig. 1); a left foot support 4L located above and connected to said ski 7 by left coupling means 5L for permitting variable left spacing between said left foot support 4L and said ski 7 (through the use of springs 43BL and 43TL in the illustrated embodiment); a right foot support 4R located above and connected to said ski 7 by right coupling means 5R for permitting variable right spacing between said right foot support 4R and said ski 7 (through the use of springs 43BR and 43TR in the illustrated embodiment); and handhold means 12R and 12L for being holdable by at least one hand of said user, which handhold means are located above and connected to said ski 7. Fig. 15 also illustrates an embodiment of a pogo-ski 1 wherein said left coupling means 5L comprises left spring coupling means and wherein said right coupling means 5R comprises right spring coupling mean and wherein said left spring coupling means and said right spring coupling means are mutually independent and together enable said variable left spacing and said variable right spacing to vary independently of each other. Note that the left coupling means 5L and right coupling means 5R may optionally incorporate pitch-axis and/or roll-axis and/or yaw axis hinge means for permitting some rotational movement of the left foot support 4L and the right foot support 4R respectively. Note also that the*

*illustrated configuration of a pogo-ski will permit a user to impart a rolling moment on said single ski 7 by shifting his or her weight laterally or by shifting the amount of his or her weight acting on said left foot support 4L as compared with the amount of his or her weight acting on said right foot support 4R or by applying a rolling moment to said handhold means 12R and 12L; and will permit a user to impart a yawing moment on said single ski 7 by pushing forward with a foot on either the left foot support 4L or the right foot support 4R or by applying a yawing moment to said handhold means 12R and 12L.*

*The embodiment of Figure 15 also shows a pogo-ski 1, comprising in combination: a single snowboard 7 (wherein the wide illustrated single ski is a snowboard); handhold means 12L and 12R for being holdable by at least one hand of said user, which handhold means are connected to said snowboard 7 by a post 6; a left foot support 4L connected to said post by left post coupling means 5L for permitting said left foot support 4L to move to varying left height locations along said post (through the use of springs 43BL and 43TL in the illustrated embodiment); and a right foot support 4R connected to said post by right post coupling means 5R for permitting said right foot support 4R to move to varying right height locations along said post (through the use of springs 43BR and 43TR in the illustrated embodiment). The illustrated embodiment also shows the pogo-ski 1 wherein said left post coupling means 5L comprises left sprung coupling means and wherein said right post coupling means 5R comprises right sprung coupling means and wherein said left sprung coupling means and said right sprung coupling means together facilitate unweighting of said snowboard 7 by said user for at least one of turn initiation or bouncing or other purposes. The illustrated embodiment also shows a pogo-ski 1 wherein said post 6 provides a connection between said snowboard 7 and said handhold means 12L and 12R which is substantially rigid in yaw and pitch. --*

p.37, lines 1-3, change:

“The upper end of the lower post 6 supports an upper post 10 through upper post connecting means 11, and the upper post 10 in turn supports a handhold 12 through handhold connecting means 15.”

to:

-- *The upper end of the lower post 6 supports an upper post 10 through upper post connecting means 11, and the upper post 10 in turn supports a handhold 12 through handhold connecting means 15. As illustrated, the upper post connecting means 11 includes means for setting the height of the handhold means 12 at different levels and comprises a telescopic slidable connection between the upper post 10 and lower post 6 and includes a quick-release mechanism 41.* --

p.37, lines 10-11, change:

“The upper post 10 also supports a handhold 12 through handhold connecting means 15.”

to:

-- *The upper post 10 also supports a handhold 12 through handhold connecting means 15. In the illustrated embodiment note that the post (including lower post 6, upper post 10 and upper post connecting means 15) is nonlinear such that relative to a line connecting (i) an upper end of said post adjacent to said handhold means 12 and (ii) a lower end of said post adjacent to said snowboard 7, a middle portion of said post between said upper end and said lower end is located such that said middle portion lies forward of said line. Thus by visual inspection Fig. 24B shows an embodiment wherein said pogo-ski 1 is configured such that said pogo-ski 1 does not contact or engage with the buttocks of a user during normal use of said pogo-ski by said user. This illustrated nonlinear post configuration will also facilitate a reduced likelihood of a user hitting said post with his or her knees as they bend and yaw.* --

p. 53, lines 3-4, change:

“This invention relates to recreational equipment for winter use, such as skis, snowboards, or other equipment with snow runners for use by a person such as a skier or snowboarder.”

to:

-- *This invention relates to recreational equipment for use on a sliding surface, such as skis, snowboards, or other equipment for use by a person such as a skier, snowboarder or water-skier.* --